

Remarks

This Paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated 18 February 2010 with a shortened statutory response period ending on 18 May 2010. This Paper is filed within the shortened statutory response period. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 04-1512.

Claims 1-2 and 23-29 are pending in this application. Claims 3 -22 and 30-34 are canceled.

The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 25-29 is received with thanks and appreciation. Independent claims 1 and 2 each recite the subject matter of allowable claim 25 in accordance with the Examiner's recommendation. Applicants respectfully submit the present claims 1-2 and 23-29 are in a condition for allowance.

Claims 1-2 and 23-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) for allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0242808 to Mink et al. (*Mink*). Claims 1 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) for allegedly being anticipated by the article authored by Chien et al., (*Chien*). Claims 1 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) for allegedly being anticipated by the article authored by Lieber et al. (*Lieber*). Claims 1 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) for allegedly be anticipated by the article authored by Przybyla et al. (*Przybyla*). Claim 25 is novel and nonobvious over the cited prior art. Therefore, the incorporation of the subject matter from claim 25 into independent claims 1 and 2 renders moot the alleged rejections based on *Mink*, *Chien*, *Lieber*, and/or *Przybyla*.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit the claims are in a condition for allowance.

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